Piñata Project

Spanish Class

“Extra Credit”

You will be making a piñata for this project so the first thing you will need to do is choose the form (la forma) you would like to use. You may choose any form you would like but your piñata should be no larger than 24x24x24 and no smaller than 12x12x12.

Materials:

You will not need to buy fancy materials and spend a lot of money. You can find items around the house to build your piñata.

* You can use balloons to form the round parts.
* Carton is useful for making the square parts (cereal boxes, juice boxes, etc.)
* Rolled up newspaper (cylinders) can be used to create arms or the points on a star.
* Cardboard tubes (toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls) can be used for arms or legs.
* Paint or paper maché to decorate the outside of the piñata
* Newspaper strips to cover the balloon
* Balloon/balloons
* Paste to glue the paper to the balloon (see recipe)
* String or twine
* A piece of wood (optional; to attach the string to)
* Glue
* Tissue paper (papel chino)
* Paint (optional)
* Scissors
* A box or a vase for flowers (these are good suggestions so that you will have a holder for your balloon while you are gluing on the strips of paper.

(There might be other items that are missing from the above list depending on what the image is you have chosen.)

Recipe for the paste (el engrudo)

1. Water (2 parts)

2. Flour (1 part)

Example: 2 cups of water and 1 cup of flour

Mix the water slowly into the flour until you have the preferred consistency.

Procedures:

1. Blow up the balloon or cut the shape of the form for your piñata.

2. Tear strips (about 1 inch thick) of newspaper.

3. Make the paste.

4. Dip each strip of newspaper into the paste and stick it to the balloon. Don’t forget to cover every inch of the balloon! Repeat this process about 3 times, letting each layer dry before adding the next. Don’t forget to attach the twine after the first layer of newspaper. That will give it more strength to not break so easily.

5. Decorate your piñata with paint or tissue paper (papel chino).

Note: Please do not fill your piñata with candies!!! It will be too heavy to hang from the ceiling.

Again, this project is for extra credit (20pts).

HAVE FUN!!! I can’t wait to see what you bring after Winter break!!!



**Piñatas are due by Jan. 12, 2015.**